

Docket No. 247354US20DIV  
 IN RE APPLICATION OF: Jian-Kang ZHU, et al.  
 SERIAL NO: 10/749,386  
 FILED: January 2, 2004  
 FOR: PROTEINS AND DNA RELATED TO SALT TOLERANCE IN PLANTS



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SIR:  
 Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Request for Reconsideration w/ Attachments in the above-identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required
- ☒ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- ☒ Additional documents filed herewith: Request for Extension of Time (Three Months); Attachments: Alignment report for the protein with 1146 amino acids; Alignment report for the protein with 450 amino acids; Shi, et al. (Nature Biotechnology, 2002), Martinez-Atienza, et al. Plant, Physiol., Conservation of the SOS Salt Tolerance Pathway in Rice, 2006, Dec. 8

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS	CLAIMS REMAINING		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID	NO. EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	CALCULATIONS
TOTAL	20	MINUS	42	0	x \$50 =	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT	1	MINUS	4	0	x \$200 =	\$0.00
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		TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS				\$0.00
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		TOTAL				\$0.00

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- ☒ If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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